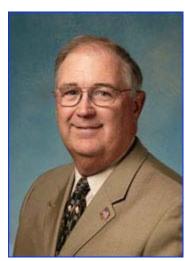
Fredericksburg District Nuts & Bolts!

As we approach the end of another year, it is a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year.

It was a year when the Department was faced with limited funding and personnel and it was clear that we needed to do more with less. With more than a 10% reduction in the Fredericksburg District work force within the last 12 months, we have successfully met the challenges presented by this new reality. Maintenance operations, including snow removal in the early part of the year, mowing, paving, drainage work, etc. have been completed and within our specified budget allocation. On the construction side of the house, even though we have been plagued with inclement weather, several projects within the District have been completed on time and on budget and significant progress has been made on several major projects, (i.e., Cowan Blvd., I-95/Rt. 627 Interchange, Leavells Road, West Point Bridge Projects). We are on track to deliver 60% of our construction program on time.



I look forward to the upcoming year and I am encouraged by the new alliances that have been developed with local officials, community leaders, and the traveling public. I feel that together we can develop transportation solutions in the Fredericksburg District that will benefit us all.

Thank you for your support over the past year and continued support in the year ahead.

May you all have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely, David E. Ogle Fredericksburg District Administrator Virginia Department of Transportation (540) 899-4288



What's New in the Fredericksburg District?

Check back next month for updates.



Directions to the Fredericksburg District

TRAVEL FROM NORTH AND SOUTH

Take Exit 133 (Falmouth/Route 17 Business). Merge onto Route 17 and get into the left lane. At the intersection with Route 1, Route 218 (Butler Road) keep straight onto Route 218, Butler Road. Stay on Butler Road and keep straight at light at the intersection with Route 212. (WaWa on left and CVS on right). Go across bridge and turn left at the light onto Deacon Road (Route 607). Go about 1/4 of a mile and The District Auditorium is on the right side of Route 607 in the green top building. Turn right and go around to parking in front of the building. The back of the building faces Deacon Road.

TRAVEL FROM THE WEST

Follow Route 3 East (Business) through Fredericksburg and across the Blue/Gray Parkway. At the traffic light, turn left onto Route 3 West, as you pass Food Lion Shopping Center at Ferry Farms, at next light take a right onto Cool Springs Rd. At next traffic light, go straight (you are now on Deacon Rd.). Go about 1/4 of a mile and District Complex will be on your left. The District Auditorium is on the right side of Route 607 in the green top building. Turn right and go around to parking in front of the building. The back of the building faces Deacon Road.

TRAVEL FROM THE EAST

Follow Route 3 West past Food Lion Shopping Center at Ferry Farms. At next light take a right onto Cool Springs Rd. At next traffic light, go straight (you are now on Deacon Rd.). Go about 1/4 of a mile and District Complex will be on your left. The District Auditorium is on the right side of Route 607 in the green top building. Turn right and go around to parking in front of the building. The back of the building faces Deacon Road.



For more information on Fredericksburg Residency Projects, please contact: Kenneth Shirley, PE Fredericksburg Resident Engineer (540) 899-4447



Major Upcoming Projects: Fredericksburg Residency

King George County

None

Spotsylvania County

Route 17 Bypass @ Route 608

This safety project will involve the construction of exclusive left and right turn lanes on Route 17 bypass at both Route 608 intersections (Massaponax Church Road and Benchmark Road).

Stafford County

Route 607 (Deacon Road)

This project will involve the widening of Deacon Road from a two lane road to a four lane divided road with curb and gutter between Route 218 and Route 1019 (Jett Street).

Projects Under Construction: Fredericksburg Residency

King George County

None

Spotsylvania County

Route 639 (Leavells Road)

This project involves the widening of Leavells Road from a two lane road to a four lane divided road with curb and gutter from Route 208 (Courthouse Road) to Route 620 (Harrison Road). Estimated completion date is December 2004.

Stafford County

Interstate 95 @ Route 627 (Mountainview Rd.)



This project involves the construction of a new diamond interchange at Route 627. The project also includes the widening of Route 1 between Route 627 and Potomac Creek to six lanes with a median. A two-lane road will run from Route 1 west to I-95 and then continue to a new airport access road. The estimated completion date for this project is Summer 2005.

Route 677 (Mount Hope Church Road)

This project involved the realignment of Route 677 from Route 608 to the dead end.

City of Fredericksburg

Cowan Boulevard

This project will extend Cowan Boulevard in both directions as a four-lane divided roadway connecting to Route 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway) to the east and Carl D. Silver Parkway to the west. The project includes a bridge over Interstate 95, sidewalks, and a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian path.. The work is being done in three separate locations -- from the intersection of Central Park Boulevard and Carl D. Silver Parkway, in the median of I-95 building the bridge in both directions, and on Cowan Boulevard from I-95 to Route 1. Estimated completion date is Spring 2005.

Projects Completed in 2004: Fredericksburg Residency

Spotsylvania County

Interstate 95 Bridge Repair

This project involved repairing the bridge beams on both the northbound and southbound spans of the I-95 bridge over the Po River. This project was completed in February of this year.

Route 673 (Piedmont Drive)

This project involves replacing the existing drainage pipes with two improved concrete box culverts to improve drainage in the area. Estimated completion date is August 2004.

Stafford County

Interstate 95 @ Exit 140 (Route 630/Stafford)

This project involved the widening of the off ramps from both north and southbound I-95 to Route 630 (Courthouse Road). The project also included the installation of a traffic signal on Route 630 at each ramp. This project was completed in January of this year.

Route 607 (Cool Springs Road)

This projects involves the widening of Cool Springs Road from two to four lanes from Route 3 to Route 218. Estimated completed date for this project is August 2004.

Route 218 (White Oak Road)

The project to relocate and improve the intersections of Route 218 (White Oak Road) with Routes 212 (Butler Road) and 607 (Deacon Road), and construct a newly aligned four lane extension over the railroad, eliminating the existing underpass is nearing completion. Estimated completion date is June 2004.

Projects Completed in 2003: Fredericksburg Residency

King George County

Route 603 (Fletchers Chapel Road)



This project involved the widening of the existing two lane road from Route 1020 to Route 602.

Spotsylvania County

Route 620 (Spotswood Furnace Road)

This project involved the construction of a new concrete box culvert over Mine Run.

Route 618 (River Road)

This project involved the replacement of the Golin Run Bridge located just west of Route 639.

Route 648 (Blockhouse Road)

This project involved improvements to Route 648 at Route 738.

Stafford County

None



For more information on Bowling Green Residency Projects, please contact: Charles Stunkle Bowling Green Resident Engineer (804) 633-5091



Major Upcoming Projects: Bowling Green Residency

Caroline County

Interstate 95 @ Exit 104 (Route 207/Carmel Church)

The project will involve ramp improvements and relocation of Route 652.

Route 601 (Penola Road) @ Pole Cat Creek (Advertised)

The project will involve replacing the existing bridge over Pole Cat Creek with a new concrete structure.

Essex County

Route 637 (Occupacia Road)

The project will involve widening the existing road and construction of a new concrete bridge over Occupacia Road.

King William County

Route 33 @ the Eltham Bridge

The project is for the replacement of the Eltham bridge located on Route 33 in the Town of West Point. The bridge crosses the Pamunkey River. This project is the second phase of the West Point Bridge Replacement. This project is scheduled to be advertised in July 2004.

Note: Phase I of this project is the replacement of the Lord Delaware Bridge over the Mattaponi River in King & Queen County and it has been advertised for construction.

Route 604 (Herring Creek Road)

This project will involve the widening of Route 604 from Route 30 to Route 609. In addition, a right turn will be constructed on westbound Route 30.

Projects Under Construction: Bowling Green Residency

Caroline County

Route 738 (Anderson Mill Road)

This project involves the realignment of Route 738 at the Hanover County line.

Essex County

None

King William County

None

Completed Projects: Bowling Green Residency

Caroline County

Route 207 (Rogers Clark Boulevard)

This project involved improvements to Route 207 including a concrete median and turn lanes at the Petro Truck Stop.

Route 609 (Macedonia Road)

This project involved the widening of the existing roadway and shoulders on Route 609 between Route 606 and Route 668.

Route 640 (Wrightsville Road)

This project involved the replacement of the wooden bridge over Maricossic Creek with a new concrete structure.

Route 17 Bridge over Peumansend Creek

This project involved replacing the existing bridge on Route 17 with a new wider two lane bridge.

Essex County

Route 17 @ Hoskins Creek

This project involved constructing a new four lane bridge over Hoskins Creek in the Town of Tappahannock.

King William County

None



For more information on Warsaw Residency Projects, please contact: Joe Staton Resident Engineer (804) 333-3696



Major Upcoming Projects: Warsaw Residency

Lancaster County

Route 630 (Taylors Creek Road)

This project will involve the reconstruction of Route 630 from Route 629 to Route 694.

Northumberland County

None

Richmond County

None

Westmoreland County

None

Projects Under Construction: Warsaw Residency

Lancaster County

None

Northumberland County

None

Richmond County

None

Westmoreland County

None

Completed Projects: Warsaw Residency

An overview of VDOT activities in the Fredericksburg District.

Lancaster County

None

Northumberland County

None

Richmond County

None

Westmoreland County

None



For more information on Saluda Residency Projects, please contact: <u>Marcie Parker, PE</u> Resident Engineer (804) 758-2321



Major Upcoming Projects: Saluda Residency

Gloucester County

Route 614

This project involves improvements to Route 14 from Route 631 to Route 633 and includes the construction of a new bridge at Hayne's Mill Pond.

King and Queen County

None

Mathews County

Route 617

The project involves widening, drainage improvements and paving on Route 617 at Route 14.

Middlesex County

Route 631

The project involves widening, drainage improvements and paving on Route 631 at Route 33.

Projects Under Construction: Saluda Residency

Gloucester County

None

King and Queen County

Route 33 @ the Lord Delaware Bridge

This project involves the replacement of the Lord Delaware Bridge located on Route 33 in the Town of West Point. The bridge crosses the Mattaponi River. This project is the first phase of the West Point Bridge Replacement Project.

<u>Note:</u> Phase II of this project is the replacement of the Eltham Bridge over the Pamunkey River in King William County.

Mathews County

None

Middlesex County

None

Completed Projects: Saluda Residency

Gloucester County

Route 606 @ Beaverdam Swamp

This project was for scour repairs from damage caused by Hurricane Floyd.

Route 17 bridge replacement

This project involved replacing the bridge deck on Route 17 business at Fox Mill Creek.

King and Queen County

Route 610 @ Route 615

This project was to repair structure damage caused by Hurricane Isabel.

Route 634

This project involves widening Route 634 at the Route 629 intersection in the Walkerton area.

Mathews County

None

Middlesex County

Route 17 @ Dragon Run

This was a project to repair damaged rail on the northbound side of the Route 17 bridge over Dragon Run.